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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : AKIO ITO and EIJI TOKUHARA  
Serial No. : TO BE ASSIGNED  
Filed : HEREWITH  
For : SHEET METAL REPAIR METHOD, SHEET METAL  
REPAIR TOOL, AND SHEET-LIKE MEMBER  
FIXING DEVICE

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October 25, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
& Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following heading  
and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

a! This application is a divisional application of  
Application Serial No. 09/600,841, filed July 24, 2000, now  
pending.